METHOD FOR INHIBITING THE EXPRESSION OF A TARGET GENE

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The invention relates to a method for inhibiting the expression of a target gene in a cell, comprising the following steps: introduction of an amount of at least one dual-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA I) which is sufficient to inhibit the expression of the target gene. The dsRNA I has a dual-stranded structure formed by a maximum of 49 successive nucleotide pairs. One strand (as1) or at least one section of the one strand (as1) of the dual-stranded structure is complementary to the sense strand of the target gene. The dsRNA has an overhang on the end (E1) of dsRNA I formed by 1 - 4 nucleotides.